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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health website](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Clark County

In October 2013 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Jeanine Marie Wyman** (RN00054263) with unprofessional conduct. Wyman allegedly didn't submit quarterly performance evaluations and proof of completion of the continuing education requirements after she was put on probation in 2013.

Douglas County

In October 2013 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Jennifer S. Dechenne** (RN00124446) with unprofessional conduct. Dechenne allegedly admitted diverting controlled substances at a hospital where she worked, failed a drug test, and didn't comply with a substance abuse contract.

Franklin County

In October 2013 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Kylee L. Rainwater** (RN00166118) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly hasn't complied with a 2013 stipulation that requires her to be in compliance with her monitoring contract.

Island County

In October 2013 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Brooke Michelle Smith** (CO60389083), ordered her to undergo evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program, and placed her on probation. Smith was convicted of two felonies and four gross misdemeanors between 2002 and 2010.

King County

In October 2013 the Medical Commission filed a corrected statement of charges against physician **Mitchell L. Cohen** (MD00028854). Cohen allegedly violated a boundary and took advantage of a doctor-patient relationship by looking up a patient's work information on the Internet and by sending her a social media friend request.

In October 2013 the Medical Assistant Program conditionally granted a registered medical assistant credential to **Bridgett Dianne Miller** (MR60402878), and ordered her to undergo evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2004 Miller's health care assistant credential was revoked for at least seven years after she stole or fraudulently took prescription medications for her personal use.

In October 2013 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Cynthia Yvonne Perry** (RN00108190) with unprofessional conduct. Perry allegedly admitted falling in love with an 80-year-old home health agency patient and receiving financial assistance from him.

Kitsap County

In October 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **KC Marie Betancur** (NA60283644) with unprofessional conduct. The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) will not allow Betancur to be employed in caring for and having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults. DSHS found that she stole about \$100 from an assisted living community resident.

Pierce County

In October 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Kathleen A. Sallade** (NC10102214) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say that while Sallade worked at an assisted living facility she took residents' property, including jewelry that she pawned. In 2013 she was convicted of first-degree trafficking in stolen property.

In October 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Suia Seufale** (NA60269598) with unprofessional conduct. Seufale was charged with second-degree theft. A complaint made to the Department of Health alleged she stole money and other items from residents at an assisted living facility where she worked. Seufale hasn't responded to a Department of Health inquiry.

In October 2013 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Diana L. Snead** (LP00025789) with unprofessional conduct. Snead allegedly admitted to her employer that she'd diverted narcotics from her workplace, and didn't comply with a substance abuse referral contract.

Skagit County

In October 2013 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner **Robyn Margot Choffel** (RN00103955, AP30003913) with unprofessional conduct. Choffel allegedly falsified her time sheets while working for the Stillaguamish Tribe, resulting in overcompensation of about \$5,929.87.

Snohomish County

In September 2013 the Pharmacy Commission charged pharmacy assistant and pharmacy technician **Ramsey B. Leggett** (VB60115413, VA60167258) with unprofessional conduct. Leggett allegedly admitted diverting a controlled substance for his personal use from the pharmacy where he worked.

In October 2013 the Massage Program conditionally granted a massage practitioner credential to **Autumn Kimberly Bercier** (MA60402619), and ordered her to undergo screening for a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2011 Bercier was convicted of second-degree taking a motor vehicle without permission, third-degree theft, and theft.

In October 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program ended probation for registered nursing assistant **Torel Caravity Bernal** (NA00087507).

Spokane County

In September 2013 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Gail L. Hunt** (LP00038766) with unprofessional conduct. Hunt allegedly directed a nursing assistant to perform treatment beyond her scope of practice, and falsified a diabetic patient's record after giving the patient insulin when a physician's order didn't call for it.

Stevens County

In October 2013 the Mental Health Counselor Program ended conditions on the credential of mental health counselor **Layne Serr** (LH00004674).

Thurston County

In September 2013 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Dora Jean LeBlanc** (LP00055043) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly hasn't complied with a 2013 stipulation that requires her to be in compliance with her monitoring contract.

Whatcom County

In October 2013 the X-Ray Technician Program charged X-ray technician **Jennifer Lynn Wolford** (XT00005315) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say she submitted fraudulent disability claims to an insurance company, forging a physician's signature, and receiving about \$64,850 that she wasn't entitled to. In 2013 she was convicted of three counts of second-degree theft and one count of first-degree theft.

Yakima County

In October 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Valerie Esquer** (NC10050018) with unprofessional conduct. Esquer allegedly tripped and fell while working at a skilled nursing facility and provided a urine sample that allegedly tested positive for marijuana and cocaine.

In October 2013 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Lane M. Willis** (LP00024447) with unprofessional conduct. While working for an agency that provides in-home healthcare, Willis allegedly forged physicians' signatures on patients' treatment plans. She hasn't responded to a Nursing Commission inquiry.

In June 2013 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program denied a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Richard Craig Hill** (CO60371105). In 2011 Hill was convicted of possession of a controlled substance, Vicodin, a felony.

Out of State

Oregon: In September 2013 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program denied a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Martha Melanie Amanda Cole** (CO60353155), who was convicted in Oregon of three felonies and one Class B misdemeanor between 2005 and 2009.

Utah: In September 2013 the Nursing Commission granted a registered nursing credential to **Jill Ann Smith** (RN60387574) that is subject to conditions. Smith's Utah license is under terms and conditions of a 2012 stipulation.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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